

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended). Conveyor belt (1) having a bearing side (2) and a backing side (3) made of elastomer material, as well as an embedded reinforcement carrier (4), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the backing side (3) is reinforced with ball-type elements (5).

Claim 2 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) are disposed within at least one layer (6).

Claim 3 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) are disposed within a single layer (6).

Claim 4 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the layer(s) (6) is/are disposed close to the reinforcement carrier (4).

Claim 5 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 2 ~~or 3, characterized in that~~ wherein the layer(s) is/are disposed approximately in the center of the backing side (3), specifically with reference to the thickness of the backing side.

Claim 6 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 2 ~~or 3, characterized in that~~ wherein layer(s) is/are disposed close to the surface of the backing side (3), specifically with complete embedding.

Claim 7 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type element reinforcement extends essentially over the entire width of the conveyor belt.

Claim 8 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type element reinforcement extends partially, with reference to the width of the conveyor belt, for example in the center or in the two edge regions of the conveyor belt.

Claim 9 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type

element reinforcement extends essentially over the entire length of the conveyor belt.

Claim 10 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type element reinforcement extends partially with reference to the length of the conveyor belt.

Claim 11 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) consist of plastic.

Claim 12 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements consist of polyurethane (PUR) or polyoxymethylene (POM).

Claim 13 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) consist of glass.

Claim 14 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) consist of a metallic material.

Claim 15 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) consist of steel, particularly a steel that has been hardened throughout, or of aluminum or lead.

Claim 16 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 15~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ball-type elements (5) have essentially the same diameter.

Claim 17 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 16~~, ~~particularly in connection with claim 16~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the diameter of the ball-type elements (5) is 1 to 5 mm.

Claim 18 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the diameter of the ball-type elements (5) is 3 to 4 mm.

Claim 19 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to ~~one of claims 1 to 18~~, ~~particularly in connection with claim 2 or 3~~ ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elastomer density of the ball-type element reinforcement is 1.0 to 2.0 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

Claim 20 (currently amended). Conveyor belt according to claim 19, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the elastomer density of the ball-type element reinforcement is 1.1 to 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.